



Summer School 2023 Gr. 8 Reach-Ahead Credits

Reach-ahead credits allow graduating Grade 8 students to earn a high school credit prior to entering secondary school in September. Learners will get a head start on credit accumulation and develop learning and technology skills that will be useful in all secondary settings while gaining self-confidence through the successful completion of a high school credit. **UGDSB students will register via myBlueprint. Registration will open @ the start of May.**

Summer 2023 Reach-Ahead credits will be offered in two formats: onsite (in-person) or online (elearning). All courses are dependent on sufficient enrolment.

Please note that elearning classes are taught *entirely online in an asynchronous format*. This means that while students have flexibility in terms of the pace and schedule of completing work, they do not have a teacher who directly teaches course material or classmates that they meet online. To be successful in this type of course, a student needs to be a proficient, self-directed learner with strong organizational skills, time management skills and the ability to communicate clearly. Elearning will involve approximately 6 hours of online work per day. Learners must have their own electronic equipment and reliable internet access.

Students who are interested in taking a reach-ahead credit are asked to think carefully about the way in which they learn best. It is a good idea for students to have discussions around course selection with parents, classroom teachers, and special education teachers as they can all assist in ensuring that a student makes a course selection that sets them up for success.

If students intend to attend a reach-ahead summer school class in-person, they will register in myBlueprint according to location:

- **North/Dufferin Gr. 8 Reach-Ahead** means that you will attend classes in Orangeville
- **Guelph Gr. 8 Reach-Ahead** means that you will attend classes in Guelph (or Fergus for Girl Grit)

If students intend to enrol in an elearning reach-ahead credit, they will register in myBlueprint under the “school” listed as: **Elearning Gr. 8 Reach-Ahead**.

GLS 10 – Learning Strategies: Skills for Success in Secondary School (1 credit) **Elective Credit

This course focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners. Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal life management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school, the workplace, and the community. The course helps students building confidence and motivation to pursue opportunities for success in secondary school and beyond. **This credit is offered in two formats: in person in Guelph or Orangeville and via elearning.**

CHV 20 – Civics (1/2 credit) **Compulsory credit for high school graduation

This course explores rights and responsibilities associated with being an active citizen in a democratic society. Students will explore issues of civic importance such as healthy schools, community planning, environmental responsibility, and the influence of social media, while developing their understanding of the role of civic engagement and of political processes in the local, national, and /or global community. **English Civics is offered in two formats: in person in Guelph or Orangeville and via elearning.**

CHV 20F – Civisme et Citoyenneté (1/2 credit) **Compulsory for high school graduation and contributes to a French Immersion certificate.

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GLC 20 – Careers (1/2 credit) **Compulsory credit for high school graduation

This course teaches students how to develop and achieve personal goals for future learning, work and community involvement. Students will assess their interests, skills, and characteristics and investigate current economic and workplace trends, work opportunities, and ways to search for work. The course explores post-secondary learning and career options, prepares students for managing work and life transitions, and helps students focus on their goals through the development of a career plan and post-secondary budget. **English Careers is offered in two formats: in person in Guelph or Orangeville and via elearning.**

GLC 20F – Exploration de Carrière (1/2 credit) **Compulsory credit for high school graduation and contributes to a French Immersion certificate.

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PAI 10 – Girl Grit – Small Group Activities (1 credit) **Elective/PE credit

****Limited enrolment, onsite in the City of Guelph and Centre Wellington D.H.S. only***

This course equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active learning. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. **Girl Grit** will focus on an introduction to martial arts, strength training, leadership training and personal development.

Session Dates: Wednesday, July 5th – Friday, July 28th, 2023 (18 days), 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p. m. daily for onsite courses. Daily attendance is required for both onsite and online courses. Transportation is not provided for onsite courses.